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### James honored

The Rev. Reginald Fields and members of Bibleway Deliverance Center, 1247 Klein St., Venice, invite everyone to join in honoring Wade E. James in a special recognition program at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16.

### Golf outing

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 36th annual golf outing June 7 at the Legacy Golf Course in Granite City.

### Cleanup day

Concerned Citizens of West Madison are sponsoring a special cleanup day beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 15.

### Deaths

Alex Kaiser  
Herbert Rascho  
Paul Besserman Jr.

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### Lottery

Results in Illinois were:  
May 12: 8-17; Pick 4: 5-2-3-6  
Little Lotto Game  
05-12-21-28-34  
Lotto Game  
01-02-03-33-43-50  
The jackpot was estimated at \$19 million.  
May 11: 4-3-0; Pick 4: 9-0-5-4  
May 10: 3-4-8; Pick 4: 8-5-0-4  
Little Lotto Game  
14-21-26-28-29  
May 9: 6-4-1; Pick 4: 9-3-8-5  
May 8: 3-2-8; Pick 4: 3-8-3-6  
Lotto Game  
09-15-17-19-32-48

### 75 years ago

May 11, 1918  
The Granite City School Board passed a resolution to withdraw the district's funds from the care of the Venice Township treasurer's office after the treasurer's salary was increased from \$1,500 to \$2,100 per year. "Those families with the duties of the office declare that even the old salary was entirely too much money to pay for the job," the board said.

### Trivia

What is the difference in hourly labor costs for American and Japanese workers?

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## No prayer at graduation ceremony

### Board accepts Supreme Court decision

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

There will be no district-sanctioned prayer at the Granite City High School graduation this year.

On the recommendation of the administration, the Granite City School Board voted unanimously Tuesday night to "forgo the use of prayer at our graduation ceremonies."

School Superintendent Steve Balen said the recommendation was made based upon a U.S. Supreme Court decision last June.

The court ruled that prayer in such ceremonies violates the concept of "separation of church and state" and the "establishment" clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"It is unfortunate (that we can't sanction prayer)," Balen said.

"But the law is the law, and we did not want to challenge the court ruling."

But if the class valedictorian or salutatorian wishes to have a moment of prayer during his or her address, or if a group of students wishes to offer a prayer, the students "probably have that right (under the 'free exercise of

religion" clause of the First Amendment)," Balen said.

He said that administrators from several area school districts had met to discuss the possibility of challenging the court ruling, but had decided not to do so.

The Edwardsville School District took a similar stance Monday night.

Laura Chappell, a sponsor of the Granite City High School chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, said the group would discuss the matter at its May 15 meeting. She said one possi-

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— Steve Balen  
School superintendent



## Bellcoff breaks tie, keeps Bridick chief

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

It took a final vote of confidence from his boss to do it, but Madison Police Chief Charlie Bridick will remain on the job.

The newly-seated City Council's vote Tuesday on the confirmation of Mayor John Bellcoff's reappointment of Bridick ended in a 4 to 4 tie and Bellcoff cast the deciding vote.

Aldermen Eleanor Armour, John Hamm, Michael Vrabec and Ed Newsome voted against Bridick. Aldermen Richard George, Ralph Hillier, Ron Grzywacz and Norris Horton voted for the appointment.

"It's nothing personal, but no," Vrabec said as he voted.

Bellcoff said he talked to Bridick after the meeting and told Bridick that "I have confidence Charlie can work to prove (the dissenting aldermen) were wrong not to place confidence in his ability as chief."

The only other Bellcoff appointment to

meet any opposition was his reappointment of City Attorney Casper Nighohossian. Armour, Hamm and Vrabec voted against that appointment.

Hamm, who ran against Bellcoff in April, said he felt the appointments for police chief and city attorney needed to have been discussed with the council.

"While I was out campaigning, and I walked all over the city, I had a number of citizens raise concerns about (those offices)," Hamm said. "I think the council should have had the chance to raise those concerns before the appointment. I think my vote could easily have changed if a few questions I have had been answered."

Bellcoff delayed appointing or reappointing the positions of street superintendent and recreation director "until a future date."

Street Superintendent Robbie Robbins and Recreation Director Jim Broadway will indefinitely continue in those positions, Bellcoff said.

Other appointments made Tuesday were Mike Foley, building inspector and alarm director; Charles Johnson Jr.,

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Bridick

## New Madison council sworn in

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

The new Madison City Council was sworn in Tuesday evening by Chief Madison County Circuit Judge Paul Riley.

Mayor John Bellcoff thanked outgoing City Treasurer Frank Kierski and outgoing Aldermen George Amisch, Jim Carfrey and Charles Rockett. Bellcoff then welcomed new Treasurer Frank Dutko and new Aldermen Eleanor Armour, Ron Grzywacz and Ed Newsome.

"I look forward to working together with each and every one of you for the betterment of the community," Bellcoff said.

The new City Council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing Bellcoff to apply for \$300,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds from Madison County Community Development.

The proposed Community Development projects include an elevator for the City

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## Sasyk gets Pontoon post

### Ex-Madison mayor among appointees

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Former Madison Mayor Mike Sasyk was among officials appointed Tuesday by Pontoon Beach Mayor Glen Wilson.

Wilson named Sasyk economic development director and also appointed a new trustee, treasurer, zoning administrator, building inspector and assistant building inspector.

After appointing Bill Ross to complete the unexpired term of Trustee Loren Madison, Wilson announced most of his appointed officials at a meeting of the Village Board.

Madison was elected Nameoki Township highway commissioner, and resigned from the Village Board to assume that position.

Village Attorney Keith Jensen and Police Chief Chet Ballew were both reappointed to their respective posts.

Among the appointments was selection of Sasyk to replace Economic Development Director Carl Hackney.

Wilson also tapped former Madison Comptroller Judy Donaldson to replace Treasurer Ray Gaudette, who resigned, and appointed Pam Colp to the position of zoning administrator, replacing Jim



Sasyk

Gaudette

Ross

Hill. Hill was appointed to the newly created position of assistant building inspector. That position will be responsible for collecting the new occupancy tax, which was approved last month by the board.

Bob Barthelmy was tapped to become building inspector. Pete McFarland and Randy Viessman had shared responsibilities as building inspector last year.

Gaudette's resignation came on the heels of a request by the Village Board that all records be kept at the Village Hall. He said he had been keeping financial records stored in his personal computer in his home.

## Vadalabene enters hospital

State Sen. Sam Vadalabene was listed in good condition Wednesday at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City after being admitted Monday evening for treatment of fever and nausea.

The Edwardsville Democrat has yet to get to the capital this session because of illness.

Relatives took Vadalabene, 78, to the hospital Monday because of a high fever and he remained Tuesday for his regular dialysis treatment.

Vadalabene has been hospitalized several times in the last few years because of heart and kidney problems.

As the result of redistricting, Vadalabene represents the Collinsville area in the state Senate.

— From the Alton Telegraph



Sam Vadalabene

## Man suing police, city; alleges beating, injuries

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

A Madison man has filed a civil lawsuit against Granite City and two of its police officers after an arrest two years ago which allegedly left him with a ruptured ear drum.

Jerry D. Sutt, 30, filed the suit in Madison County Circuit Court Friday. The municipality is being sued because Sutt was "violently assaulted by agents, servants and employees" of the city, according to the suit.

The suit arises from a Jan. 9, 1991, incident in which Sutt was arrested and charged with aggravated battery and resisting arrest. After a two-day trial last November, a jury found Sutt innocent of the battery charge, but guilty of resisting arrest, a misdemeanor.

In his suit, Sutt alleges that Officers Ray Takmajian and Richard Werthe struck and beat him without justification, causing injuries to the head, neck, arms, leg and back.

Sutt is asking for in excess of \$15,000 in damages.

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Helping hands — Head Start teacher Ruthie English helps five-year-old Danniell Sharp to plant a flower in a homemade terrarium during an Earth Day program. See Page 3A for more photos.

## Venice Town Board to meet on Mondays

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

The newly-seated Venice Town Board voted Tuesday to change its meetings to 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Supervisor Andy Economy said the change from Tuesdays was made so that the township meeting would no longer conflict with the Madison and Venice city council meetings.

"We wanted to change it so that, if the mayors or aldermen have a question or problem — like with Community Development last year — they can come to our meetings," Economy said.

"We hope this is better for everyone."

Last year, when Venice had a problem with federal Community Development money, it was receiving through Venice Township and the city and township meetings conflicted, the Venice City Council first sent one alderman to the township meeting and then postponed a City Council meeting in order to attend a township meeting.

Economy also filled the township's appointive positions on Tuesday.

Appointed were William Becker, maintenance; Jo Ann Lucas, janitor; Fannie Plisk, deputy assessor; Lenora Lockett, office manager for the assessor; Sue Miller, home visitor; Dorothy Schiller, caseworker; Louise Papa, secretary; and Casper Nighohossian, township attorney.



# Prosecutors defend Sims trial, conviction

Now's not the time to go soft on Paula Sims, prosecutors say. Contentions that Sims, 33, who allegedly killed two infant daughters, suffered from postpartum depression and may have been unfairly treated by an unsympathetic legal system, are bunk, said the man who sent her to prison.

"Paula made up her story and stayed with it in an attempt to evade the law. The evidence showed she knew what she did was wrong," former Madison County State's Attorney Don Weber said.

The Sims saga has gained renewed interest in recent weeks because of a new book on the murders and an appellate court's rejection of Sims' appeal on the grounds she did not get a fair trial.

The author of the new book, Audrey Becker, argued that Sims apparently had postpartum depression, which played a role in the murders, and that a male-dominated justice system was uninterested in considering the possibility.

The depression theme is played up in Becker's book, *Dying Dreams: The Secrets of Paula Sims*, which Sims confesses to killing both her girls, 13-day-old Loralei in 1986 and 6-week-old Heather in 1989. Sims is serving life in prison.

## Anti-stalking bill advances in Legislature

SPRINGFIELD — Legislation to modify the state's anti-stalking law has advanced to the full Senate.

Final details are still to be worked out in a later amendment, but members of the Senate Judiciary Committee agreed to pursue a proposal from an association of state's attorneys, including Madison County's William Haine.

The law would be changed to focus not on the stalker's intent but on whether the stalker's actions caused reasonable fear in a victim.

The committee Thursday also sent on to the full Senate a bill intended to impose stricter criminal penalties for leaving children at home for long periods. The final details are still to be negotiated for that bill as well.

Also sent to the full Senate was a measure that removes the current limitation at age 30 on lawsuits seeking damage for childhood sexual abuse. The bill would be no limit under the proposed bill, inspired by cases where older adults remember long-suppressed sexual abuse as a result of therapy.

The committee earlier heard dramatic testimony from a Belleville woman who said she had been sexually molested by her parents, grandparents and brothers as a child.

Another measure sent to the full Senate would allow police working under court order to wear electronic monitoring devices and transmitters without having to obtain a court order. Police agencies argued the power was needed for officer safety in potentially dangerous situations.

Prosecutors would be given expanded powers to grant immunity to people who testify before grand juries under a bill endorsed by the committee.

Two other bills supporting non-custodial parents won committee approval. One gives such parents increased leverage in court to challenge "violation of visitation rights by the custodial parent; the other gives additional time to contest cases in which a parent with custody leaves the state.

— from the Alton Telegraph

## Horse judging contest May 22

The Madison St. Clair Extension Unit of the Cooperative Extension Service will host the area horse judging contest on May 22 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Trail Riders Inc. arena located on Quarry Road off Troy-Scott Road in O'Fallon.

The contest is open to all area 4-H'ers. You do not have to be enrolled in a horse project to participate.

Participants will be asked to judge confirmation on two breeds of horses, an English pleasure class and a Western pleasure class.

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Becker's contentions have found a believing audience with some of her book's readers and others, including callers to a WGZZ Radio call-in show last week.

She is backed up by St. Louis clinical psychologist Diane Sanford.

But Weber and State's Attorney William Haine contend prosecutors are not the bad guys in the case and that Sims is a cold-blooded murderer who had a chance to use the postpartum depression as part of a mental deficiency defense but refused to go along and stuck to her masked abductor stories.

She got what she deserved, Weber said.

"I think Audrey and her psychologist are getting conned by Paula," he said. "They're way off base in what they're saying about the system failing Paula and in believing Paula's thought process was not rational."

Becker said a psychologist sent Sims' defense attorney, Don Groshong, volumes of material on postpartum depression but

never received a reply.

"Audrey is the one who doesn't get it," Weber said after turning in to Becker's and Sanford's discussion of the case on WGZZ last week after the 5th District Appellate Court rejected Sims' appeal.

Weber claimed Groshong read all the depression material and did his own research. Officials even offered Sims a diminished-capacity defense, but she refused, Weber said.

"I know Groshong looked into the diminished-capacity defense very carefully, but without Paula agreeing to it, there was not much he could do," Weber said. "She just wanted to beat the rap, and she had a pretty good story. It worked the first time."

Groshong has declined to comment while the case is pending.

Weber said that, despite problems, Sims was far from delusional and withdrawn from reality, as Sanford implies in the book.

"Even in Becker's story, she got the rubber gloves and put the baby in the trash bag to avoid leaving any evidence. It was premeditated," Weber said.

Paula's mother, Nylene Blew, said something happened to Paula she had no control over.

"All of us who knew her knew

that was not Paula that committed those acts. It makes me furious when they say Paula planned and killed in cold blood," Blew, of Cottage Hills, said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. She has always been kind and loving, and loved her children."

Haine said the allegations of a sexist justice system rattle him, and police say two women officers interviewed Sims after each murder, giving her a chance to explain the deaths.

"I find the remark to be sexist and her book to be worthless psychobabble," Haine said, noting both victims were girls.

"They are trying to justify two first-degree murder charges with a belief that Paula Sims has a peculiarly woman's disease."

He said the same logic could be used to excuse rapists and robbers who were poor or deprived.

Sanford said the discussion of Sims' psychological state was not intended to be sexist.

"We are not saying postpartum depression justified what she did, and Paula believes that," she said.

"We are saying that in judging a person and determining a sentence, psychological factors should be taken into account."

— from the Alton Telegraph



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

**Pavilion officially completed** — A ribbon-cutting ceremony is held for the completion of the Rotary Pavilion at Worthen Park. From left in the front row are R.C. Bush, Granite City Rotary Club past president; Ron Parente, Granite City Park Board commissioner; Nancy Sanders-Viles, Park Board president; Dennis Orsey, Rotary president; Bill Tindall, contractor; Dan Brown and Ray Morgan, Rotary members; Rosemarie Brown, Rotary vice president; and Dick Kerch, Rotary member.

## Gambling addiction

### State urged to help chronic gamblers

SPRINGFIELD — The state should provide money for helping chronic gamblers and require warning labels on gambling devices, an expert on compulsive gambling contends.

Illinois does nothing to help problem gamblers despite a state-endorsed boom in legalized gaming in recent years, said Henry Lesieur, chairman of the department of criminal justice studies at Illinois State University. He testified before the House Speaker's Task Force on Gaming Monday.

Based on estimates in other states, Lesieur said Illinois has up to 375,000 adults and 60,000 teenagers with a betting compulsion.

He noted Texas, which authorized its first legal gambling about a year ago with a lottery and horse racing, provided \$2 million in state money to aid compulsive gamblers.

Lesieur proposed that Illinois allocate the same amount initially to help finance a help

hot line, grants to Gamblers Anonymous chapters and research by the state Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

He also proposed casinos be required to have both gambling devices with warning stickers and signs posted with toll-free help numbers, similar to requirements in New Jersey.

That information should also be posted in off-track betting parlors, at racetracks and on the backs of lottery tickets, he said.

Lesieur, who has written numerous books, articles and studies on gambling addiction, also suggested checking casinos and other credit not be allowed in casinos.

Allotting state money to help compulsive gamblers would be more than repaid by a reduction in related crimes, such as fraud and embezzlement, he said. He cited a recent case of a Bloomington man who embezzled \$100,000 from a youth fund to cover his losses at an off-track betting parlor.

Lesieur stressed he was not opposed to legalized gambling. "For the majority of people it simply provides a source of entertainment," he said.

However, he said, the state proposals to legalize tavern video poker machines and other gaming devices.

Lesieur said studies show video poker machines can cause a trance-like effect on some players and dubbed them the "crack cocaine of the gaming industry."

Such machines were legalized but later abolished in Nova Scotia because of the social problems that resulted, he said.

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## Police log

### Granite City

#### Bottle allegedly thrown

Linda D. Tomarchio, 36, of the 2100 block of Benton Street, was arrested at 9:26 p.m. May 8 for battery.

She allegedly threw a beer bottle at an employee of Hook's Tavern, 2100 Adams St., while at the tavern, according to a police report. She posted \$107 bail and was released.

#### Girlfriend tied, cut

James R. Witte Jr., 28, of the 2800 block of Cayuga Street, was arrested at 3:29 a.m. May 8 for domestic battery and aggravated assault.

Witte allegedly tied his girlfriend's feet together, placed a knife to her throat and cut her slightly, threatened to kill her and himself, kicked her and hit her, according to a police report.

She took three field sobriety tests, declined to take a breath analysis test and was charged. He was lodged pending \$321 bail.

Witte was lodged pending \$214 bail.

#### DUI arrest on Johnson

Neal E. Finley, 28, of the 2800 block of Wayne Avenue, was arrested at 12:31 a.m. May 8 for driving under the influence of alcohol, resisting arrest and improper lane usage.

An officer reported seeing a green 1992 Ford Ranger cross the center line several times in the 1500, 1600 and 1900 blocks of Johnson Road.

Finley, the driver, took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He allegedly pulled away from the officer while being handcuffed.

Finley posted \$184 bail and was released.

## Flooding prompts warning on home repair contractors

Illinois Attorney General Roland W. Burris has issued a warning to Illinois consumers to be on the lookout for home repair contractors.

"The flooding that has occurred in several Illinois counties along the Des Plaines, Fox, Illinois, Rock and Mississippi Rivers will undoubtedly increase the need for home repairs due to flood damage," Burris said.

"Although there are many reputable and competent home repair contractors doing business in Illinois, there are also hundreds of con artists looking to make a quick buck."

"Homeowners will need to be on the lookout for fraudulent home repair contractors who do little or no work for as much money as they can get."

Burris offered the following tips for homeowners:

• Conduct business only with licensed contractors and never with unsolicited callers or door-to-door salesmen.

• Obtain referrals from friends and family members who have had similar work performed. Ask contractors for references and call people to see how satisfied they are with the job. Be suspicious if a contractor cannot or will not give you references.

• Always obtain a written contract and make sure the contract contains the contractor's name, business name, phone number and address. Verify the business address and telephone number. Some con artists are transients who stay in an area just long enough to take your money, but not to make promised repairs.

• Read the contract carefully before signing it and make sure it includes start and finish dates for the work.

• Do not pay the full amount until all the work has been completed, including the cleanup.

Last year, Attorney General Burris indicted 17 home repair contractors. Several of those indictments resulted in conviction for home repair fraud with jail sentences of up to four years in prison.

If you have concerns about a solicitation for home repair work or if you think you have been cheated by a home repair contractor, call or visit the Attorney General's Consumer Office in your area or call the Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-252-8668.

### Lights out, DUI charge

Larry W. Sorenson, 35, of the 2400 block of Lincoln Avenue, was arrested at 10:28 p.m. May 7 for driving without headlights when required and driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported seeing a gray 1979 GMC moving without headlights on 22nd Street at State Street.

Sorenson, the driver, took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He was released after posting \$102 bail.

### Resisting is alleged

Ilija Hrispov Chalukov, 31, of Bearcliff Drive, was arrested at 11 p.m. May 7 for domestic battery, battery and resisting arrest.

He allegedly hit his wife in the face with his hand, kicked her stomach, attempted to push a police officer and struck the officer on the chin, according to a police report.

He was lodged pending \$321 bail.

### Motorist is charged

Alicia A. Lidikay, 34, of the 2100 block of Delmar Avenue, was arrested at 7:12 p.m. May 7 for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal parking and driving while her license is expired.

An officer reported finding a white 1978 Chevrolet sitting in the middle of Edison Avenue with a turn signal on, but with the transmission in reverse and the engine turned off.

Lidikay was discovered to be asleep in the driver's seat, according to a police report.

She took three field sobriety tests, declined to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

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# Proposal for jail expansion wins officials' support

State and federal officials say the law is on the side of Sheriff Bob Churchich's proposal to house the county's juvenile detention home and jail in the same building.

"As long as they are separate and there is no chance of the juvenile and adult populations mixing then we have no problem with it," said Dan Dunne, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Prisons.

Churchich has been lobbying the Madison County Board for more than a year to combine the facilities in a single building to solve the problem of dilapidated conditions at the juvenile home and overcrowding at the jail.

The plan has fallen on deaf ears, however, because most board members thought such a combination would violate state and federal rules.

But a state prisons spokesman disagreed.

"You can't be mixing kids with adults. But if the juveniles are kept out of sight and out of hearing of the adult prisoners, then I don't know what objections (the Illinois Department of Corrections) would have," spokesman Nic Howell said.

The county is under the gun to make massive renovations at the 21-bed juvenile home or face a lawsuit by the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

Board members appear to be running out of options since voters last month rejected a plan to impose a 2-cent property tax to pay for renovations and construction at the juvenile home at 100 Fifth Ave. The project would have cost about \$4 million.

In addition to helping solve the juvenile home crisis, Churchich's plan to expand the jail at 405 Randle St. would relieve overcrowding.

County officials have been informally discussing the possibility of expanding the jail, but serious consideration has been on hold while board members wrestled with the juvenile home.

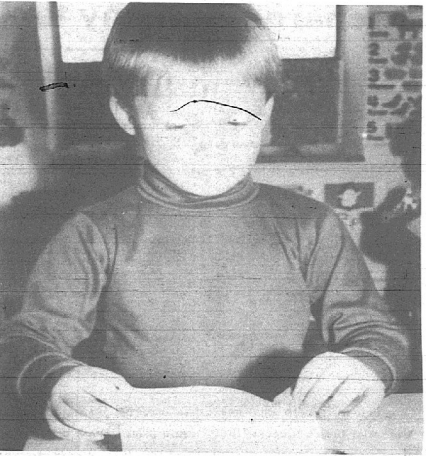
Churchich has said combining both operations would save the county money by eliminating duplicated services. He could not be reached for comment Monday, and it was unclear whether he intends to formally revive his proposal.

Board members were expected to meet later this week to decide the next step for the juvenile home.

— From the Alton Telegraph



**Earth watch** — Earth Day activities at Granite City's Head Start center helped children get to know the world they live in and how to take better care of it. Above, five-year-old Brandon Peterson crushes different plants to extract their dye. In top right photo, Josh Horn, 5, places dirt into his terrarium. In bottom left photo, Justin Arnott covers the plants he will get dye from. In bottom right photo, Alecia Wilson, 5, dips out water for an aquarium.



# Kids Day Sunday at Cahokia Mounds

In the year 1100, the area that is now the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site was what today might be considered a booming metropolis.

"It was the center of a lot of activity at that time," said Suzanne Kutterer-Sibert, education director at the site.

Activity in abundance will be in evidence again this weekend at the center as the site again gears up for its annual "Kids Day" this Sunday.

The free event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Central Plaza, just west of the Interpretive Center.

According to Paul Nixon, assistant site superintendent, more than 10,000 people are expected to attend.

"The idea is to make them a little more aware of our Indian heritage right in this area," Nixon said.

"It's all hands-on stuff so it makes it a lot more interesting for them."

Kutterer-Sibert said that the event will focus on the lives and customs of the people that would have been found at the mounds during its "heyday."

Activities for the children include: making arrowheads or cattail dolls, grinding corn, identifying animal tracks, playing Indian games, face-painting or throwing a spear with an atlatl.

An atlatl, Kutterer-Sibert said, is a device attached to the end of the spear to provide additional power and accuracy. During Indian times, some of the devices were decorated.

The Kahok Dancers will perform and Evelyn Voelker, a full-blooded Comanche and director of the American Indian Center in St. Louis, will tell stories.

But while the program is designed primarily for children, adults are also welcome to try the activities.

"Everyone really enjoys it and the adults always get in on it sooner or later," Kutterer-Sibert said. "Occasionally we have to tell the adults, 'Let the kids have a chance.'"

Parking for the event will be available at the Falcon Picnic Area where wheelchair accessible buses will take visitors to the Interpretive Center and activity area.

Visitors can also walk across the plaza to the activities.

The event is sponsored by the site, the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society and the Cahokia Mounds Volunteers. For more information, call 346-5169.

# Shrine Club fish fry planned

The Tri-City Shrine Club will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15, at Bellemore Village Shopping Center.

The cost is \$3.50 for a plate and includes fish, fries, cole slaw, pickles, onions and white or rye bread.

# Hearing May 24 on projects in Venice

Notice is being given to citizens of Venice Township of a public hearing to be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 24, at the Venice Township office, 1502 Fifth St., Madison.

The hearing is for discussion of Madison County Community Development funds and eligible projects.

# Card club meets

Ravanelli's lunch buffet was recently enjoyed by the Butterfly Card club members.

Nell Talley was honored on her birthday with a cake, cash gift, and the singing of Happy Birthday.

Pinochle was played and high scorers were Thelma Schmidt, also winning the Honors Prize and 300 Pinochle, Mary Lou Claussen, Ilene Willis, Juanita Rosenberg, and Edith Ryan.

Katie Hommert, Hazel Rollins, Harriet Hoff, and Lorraine McIlvoy were also present.

Rosenburg will host the next meeting.

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## Editorials

### Rumors about proposals

More than a month before the Granite City school administration or board released or discussed any formal proposal for redistricting Prather Elementary School, it was being discussed — and assailed — on the street as a "done deal."

As a result, public sentiment was so strongly against it when it finally reached the School Board that it is hard to believe the Prather proposal ever got a fair hearing. The public, objecting to what it had "heard" was the plan, put up a show of force strong enough to cover even the strongest politician. Who could blame the board if its attention was distracted by the hoard of irate voters peering over its shoulders?

Now another proposal before the board — like the Prather redistricting a part of the district's four-year comprehensive plan — appears to be heading down the same road.

Two months ago, while a proposal to change the district's learning centers into multimedia centers was, at most, a collection of interoffice drafts and comments, the rumors started. The board, the rumors said, is planning to do away with the learning-center teachers and replace them with noncertified aides so that the board will have cushy jobs to give its otherwise unemployable friends, family and supporters.

The public was, and is, outraged — as well the public should be if that is the plan.

But it just ain't so. The learning-center proposal has been made in recognition of the fact that computers — one of the learning centers' primary assets — have become integrated into all facets of life. From the shipping clerk in the warehouse to the chief executive officer in the penthouse, from the steel mills to the fast-food restaurants, everyone in today's workforce spends a good part of the day with a computer terminal.

As a result, computer skills can no longer be viewed as a nice-to-have extracurricular activity, but instead must be integrated into all facets of education.

The proposed learning-center change, using certified staff instructors and advisers for the teachers along with professional assistance from qualified aides, is designed to allow the classroom teachers to bring their lesson plans for science, math, health, English, geography and all other subjects into the computer age.

But by the time the learning-center proposal came to light, the learning-center rumor had already been around — largely uncontested — for so long that it is widely accepted as the truth.

Now, no matter how many times the actual proposal is repeated, no matter how eloquently it is presented and no matter how persuasive its merits, there is a strong possibility that the learning-center proposal will largely go unheard.

Why? Because many people, maybe even most people, will ignore everything being said about the learning-center proposal because they know it's a real plan. The members of the School Board need jobs for their friends, family and supporters.

How do these rumors start? It could be that some teachers affected by the proposals leak distasteful portions in order to sabotage them. If that's the case, you have to admire their success.

But it is more likely that the rumors begin as educated guesses by people who have overheard bits and pieces of the preliminary planning process and jumped to a conclusion. The board's final decision to drop the Prather redistricting proposal may have been the same under any circumstances, but we would feel a whole lot better about the decision if we were just a little more sure that the plan's merits and the public's objections got at least equal consideration.

The Granite City school administration has put a lot of time and effort into the proposals in its four-year plan. The administration has taken time to carefully weigh the good and bad. It has worked to assure that the proposals serve the best interests of our children.

The public and School Board should be given a chance to give the proposals the same time and effort, even if they don't reach the same conclusion as the administration. But that can't happen when the proposals are killed by rumors even before they get introduced.

To make sure proposals get the consideration they deserve, the administration must stop the rumors as quickly and aggressively as they start. Rumors must not be allowed to abort the remainder of the proposals in the Granite City School District's comprehensive plan.

### Don't copy failed socialist policies

TO THE EDITOR:

If our nation's leaders had the good sense to study a little history, they would know the special programs they are now proposing will not only fail, they will drag the entire nation down.

Even more, if they would look at what is happening in the rest of the world today, they would not be proposing duplicates of the programs that are crashing down in ruins.

We contend that less government, not more, is the route to social progress and national strength.

Look at how socialism is unraveling in Sweden. Years of cradle-to-grave paternalism brought the highest taxes in the world, and it is now bringing unemployment, promises that cannot be kept, and huge national budget deficits.

Many Swedes lived well and sent their bills to the next generation, but now the next generation has arrived and is suffering consequences that were predicted. America should not be following Sweden's footsteps.

Look at Canada's vaunted socialized medical care program. It is failing, even while the cost is catching up with angry taxpayers. Americans can't go to Canada for medical care; it's the Canadians who come here.

Why should the United States duplicate what doesn't work well in other countries? We have the world's best medical care; let's not mess it up with Hillary Clinton's plan for socialized medicine.

For years, Americans have been told that we should copy Japan's government-dominated industrial policies. Now that their system is also unraveling, Japan's ways don't look so appealing. Yet, the Clinton Administration intends to copy what Japan has done by imposing business/government partnerships on America.

When such schemes were tried in the 1930s, they were properly ruled unconstitutional.

Socialism has failed in Russia, in the former Soviet countries, and in the many nations of Eastern Europe once dominated by the USSR. It's new take a toll in once-pricing Germany. Our president should not be promoting these failed schemes.

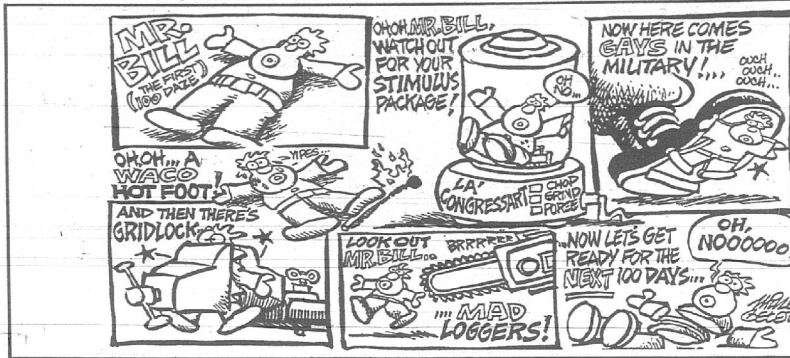
Here at home, virtually all of the Clinton plan to stimulate the economy is, in reality, a plan to stimulate the government.

Yes, both past history and current history resoundingly confirm that government isn't the answer; it's the problem.

Why do they refuse to learn from history or from the present? Do you suppose they really do know precisely what they are doing to us and are doing it on purpose?

I surely hope not. But it is a horrible possibility.

BRUCE TABER  
Chapter Leader, Chapter CXLZ  
The John Birch Society



## Surcharge, 'granny tax' undecided at Springfield

By Ray Serati,  
Springfield Press-Record chief  
for Copy News Service

### Our guest

As the legislative session heads into what may be the final month, it looks like Gov. Jim Edgar's plan to take the \$211 million income tax surcharge going to local governments and use it for education may have hit a big snag.

Another taxing problem facing Edgar and his \$29 billion budget for fiscal year 1994 is what to do about the nursing home and hospital assessment program, commonly called the "granny tax."

When he presented his budget in March, Edgar said he wanted the legislature to make the temporary surcharge permanent and direct the funding to state coffers.

The state has been passing along part of the surcharge, which expires June 30, to local governments since it was voted in 1989.

Edgar said even if the surcharge is phased out, there would be enough money in the state's coffers to help local governments. But local officials apparently didn't accept that story.

They wasted little time in contacting lawmakers and letting

them know they weren't happy with Edgar's proposal.

Apparently most lawmakers agreed with local officials. There hasn't been a groundswell of Assembly support for Edgar's plan.

In fact, the proposal brought suburban Republicans and Chicago Democrats together in a common fight. That's a first in a long time — that the two groups have managed to come together to oppose what they perceive as a common problem.

But budget negotiations have started between Edgar and the four legislative leaders. So as everyone begins to scurry in trying to come up with a plan to balance the budget, you just might see Edgar's income tax surcharge plan come to the fore.

When it comes time to negotiate over the budget, everything usually moves to the front burner.

Edgar surely isn't going to give up easily on his surcharge proposal. He could try to run

with it at least one more time during the budget negotiation process.

The proposal could be used as a bargaining chip. But if lawmakers stay at arm's length, the chip may not have much value.

The General Assembly has options on the surcharge between now and the end of the session.

With public opposition running high in some areas of the state on taxes, it is doubtful lawmakers will want to put their votes on a tax that becomes permanent.

The temporary surcharge costs an individual who earns \$40,000 a year about \$100. It comprises 0.25 percent of the state's 3 percent personal income tax. The surcharge has been raising about \$250 million.

The "granny tax" program adopted last year to help the state capture \$700 million in federal dollars to help pay for Medicaid expenses has caused major headaches for lawmakers since last year.

If the tax or assessment plan isn't extended, Edgar will have

to come up with an alternative. That alternative, assuming it wins approval, will have to help raise about \$1 billion.

Edgar was counting on some type of medical program coming out of Washington to help with hospital-related expenses. He apparently thought there would be early action in Congress, but so far it isn't happening.

With Illinois' plan set to expire on June 30, Edgar and legislative leaders will have to come up with a plan guaranteed to pass the legislature and raise sufficient funds to help pay Medicaid costs. Getting a plan to everyone's liking is going to be a hard job.

While lawmakers are still trying to end the session by May 28, budget negotiations, especially a "granny tax" replacement, could take it into June. Before Edgar and the leaders get everyone on board for a new program, lawmakers are going to take a long, hard look before flipping their voting switches.

Between the surcharge plan, which looks like it's for now, out of the picture and the "granny tax," Edgar is going to have to come up with something that can keep the budget in balance.

He may have to pull more than rabbits out of a hat.

## Letters

### Cooperation key to exciting future

TO THE EDITOR:

Now that the dust has settled from the election, it's time for us all to put aside political differences and concentrate on the important issues which will affect us in the upcoming years.

Granite City truly is a bright spot in the Metro area, not only to have survived, but prospered during tough economic times.

More and more people throughout the greater St. Louis area are casting an envious eye in our direction and are curious about the development in the area.

I feel that a round of applause is in order for the past administration. The momentum which has been established will undoubtedly bring continued growth to the area. However, regardless of the momentum established, unless the Council and the new administration work together, opportunities will be lost.

We, as citizens, should contact our elected officials on a regular basis and voice our opinion on the issues. Just as your voice was heard during the election, your input will have an impact on their actions.

Encourage elected officials to work together to bring continued growth and not devote energies to negative issues. Hopefully, the local media will follow this example as well.

I'm proud to live and work in Granite City and I'm excited about our future.

DR. CHARLES KING JR.  
Granite City

### Many confused by trash rules

TO THE EDITOR:

We are being "frustrated." It makes me sick to see trash piling up around us.

It isn't so much that people don't care; they are frustrated. In many cases, for example, otherwise attractive bushes have become so overgrown that they have become well, trashy.

After some cleanup work is done, some people leave plastic bags of yard clippings out in front of the curb, even where

they have an alley. I have been told they will not be picked up there, but there they sit.

I called the trash disposal company and was told that yard clippings must be placed in the same location with the other trash pickup. Also, it must be either in a trash container that can be emptied or in paper bags you purchase. Furthermore, you must attach a 90-cent sticker you purchase from the company.

I have been through this recently: I had a 32-gallon container marked with one of the stickers and some clippings in paper bags.

The collector left a note saying each bag or bundle must have a sticker. I wonder if he knows the rules. In the past, for the one-stop pickup, I always used the sticker on the container when separate bundles were stashed nearby, neatly tied with twine.

It seems to me the whole program needs to be spelled out for everyone.

Also, what bugs me is there is no provision for separating recyclable materials, so it all gets plowed under. Isn't there a better way?

This is a "small, small world" for so much trash.

WALDO FROHARDT  
Granite City

### Will continue walks in Ward 5

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to those who supported and voted for me in this past election. I promise not to let your support be in vain.

To those who supported my opponents, I promise an open door and a pledge that I will reflect the needs of everyone in the 8th Ward.

Although I walked the ward twice during this campaign, I did not get to meet everyone. I will continue to walk the ward until this is accomplished.

This is my way of providing accessibility, one of the precepts of a democratic government. In serving you, I intend on being neither invisible nor silent.

For too long our ward has been ignored by City Hall. Therefore, I make this promise: I will work with our new mayor and the other aldermen and women to provide a better quality

of life for our ward and our city.

As I begin to serve you, I am excited about this new challenge and only hope that my efforts are equal to the task.

In the words of John F. Kennedy, "Asking His help and His blessing, but remembering that God's work must truly be our own."

I ask for your help in making our dreams come true.

EDDIE ASADORIAN  
5th Ward alderman,  
Granite City

### Schools should keep librarians

TO THE EDITOR:

The citizens of Granite City should know that their school administration is considering moving Mrs. Judy Hamton, Coolidge librarian, and Ann Smith, Grigsby librarian, to the classroom next school year and replacing them with aides.

This is wrong. Trained librarians are a necessary part of your

schools to help the students and teachers find information as an integral part of the curriculum.

If you feel as I do, please call Superintendent Steve Balen and any School Board members you know to express your opinion on this important issue.

If pressure is not brought to bear very soon on these individuals, this move will be final. Don't let this happen if you care about the education of the children of Granite City.

What is my stake in this? I am a high school graduate of Granite City Schools, and I attended Coolidge as well.

I'm a colleague of Judy's in the Illinois School Library Media Association and a full-time librarian at O'Fallon High School.

Please do not delay in your support of these important teachers/information specialists.

Your children deserve the best education they can get. They will need it to compete with their peers after graduation from high school.

THOMAS MITCHELL  
Belleville

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# Lifestyle

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For recycling, Katesha Payne, 9, puts plastic into a bag held by Larry Yust of D.W. Brown Realtors. Payne's mother, Stephany Ryan, works at D.W. Brown Realtors and was part of another group cleaning along Highway 203.

(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



Fourteen-year-old Erin Signall, left, and her sister, Sarah, 13, stash the trash along Nameoki Road.



A group from the Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City cleans along Highway 3 as part of "Stash the Trash" day.

## 1,000 volunteers help 'stash (the area's) trash'

By John J. Winkelman  
Staff writer

The Tri-Cities area is a little bit cleaner today thanks to the volunteer efforts of more than 1,000 residents who donated a Saturday morning getting down in the ditches for their community.

On May 1, two weeks after its originally scheduled date, the Community Pride Committee of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 14th annual "Stash the Trash" campaign.

In addition to a large group of members of Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations, teams from the Charles Melvin Price Support Center, Waste Management, Belleville Area College, Magna Bank, D.W. Brown Realtors, Central Bank, McDonald's, Head Start and the Granite City Hockey Club participated in the "golf classic" highway cleanup.

"Improving our communities is an everlasting effort, and we will be constantly striving to make our areas better places to live and raise our families," said Shirley Bush of the chamber.

"The job is made easier when such large numbers of people of all ages combine resources in this spirited undertaking."

Community groups also worked in specific neighborhoods or areas as part of the cleanup effort.

Those participants included the National Honor Society, Downtown Restoration Society, H.E.L.P. (Homeowners Energized for Lincoln Place), Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Women's Division, Arlington Civic Association, Chouteau Township, Nameoki Township, Garden Study Club, Gateway Stables, Old Six Mile Historical Society, Junior Beta Club of Venice, Venice Grade School Student Council and the Candy Strippers of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Bush said the two-week delay,



Ed Springman, the recycling manager for the Charles Melvin Price Support Center, picks up a glass bottle along Highway 3.

due to soggy conditions at Wilson Park and flooded ditches along the highway, meant extra work for her, but also resulted in the increased realization of how dedicated people are to helping improve their community. She said light rain on May 1 did not deter the volunteers.

Those who were unable to do cleanup activities on the rescheduled date worked during the two-week interim to clean their assigned areas. The Garden Study Club of Granite City used 10 trash bags, cleaning

at the Old Six Mile Historical Museum on April 28, she said.

"Removal of tons of trash from public areas and rights-of-way is an obvious benefit. A heightened public awareness of the damage done by a single, careless loss of litter is another," Bush said. Those who spend a Saturday morning picking up trash are less likely to toss something out the window the next time they are out and about, she said. Others may throw something

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## Nominate a Home Pride Award winner

Be a part of pride in the Quad City Area by participating in the Home Pride program sponsored by the Granite City Press-Record/Journal and the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Community Pride Committee. Each month homes are honored for their appearance based on nominations from neighbors. Homes can be nominated for significant improvements or general quality care.

Property owner or resident and address:

Reason for the nomination and interesting facts that might provide insight for the Community Pride Committee (feel free to use a separate sheet for additional comments):

Mail nominations to:  
Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce  
1831 Delmar  
Granite City, IL 62040  
Or call 876-6400

By Pam Doepke-Hurd

## YOUTH FOCUS: 'If I were a giant I would...'

Asked of kindergarten students at Parkview School and Blair School.

Jake Ford, Blair School  
"pick up houses and throw them in the streets."

Mercedes Washington, Blair School  
"Help people read."

Kelvin Boyd, Blair School  
"Pick up trees and play with them."

Jason Monroe, Parkview School  
"Help people that needed to move."

Jason Kleindorfer, Parkview School  
"Shrink myself so I would be a little boy."

Brandon Smith, Parkview School  
"Step on people that hurt other people."

Lauren Horton, Parkview School  
"Scare people."



Mercedes Washington

Kristin Roustio, Parkview School  
"Be nice to people."

Lacey Wilkerson, Parkview School  
"Save people from drowning."



Nakeisha Blakely

Amanda Miller, Parkview School  
"Go to school."

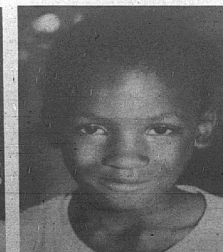
Kevin Fischer, Parkview School  
"Be good for my mom."



Fiona Joiner

Fiona Joiner, Blair School  
"Be special and sell balloons."

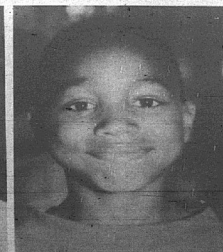
Jasmine Guest, Blair School  
"Fight bad people."



Xavier Cole

Benjamin Reno, Parkview School  
"Play baseball."

Nakeisha Blakely, Blair School  
"Sit on people's houses."

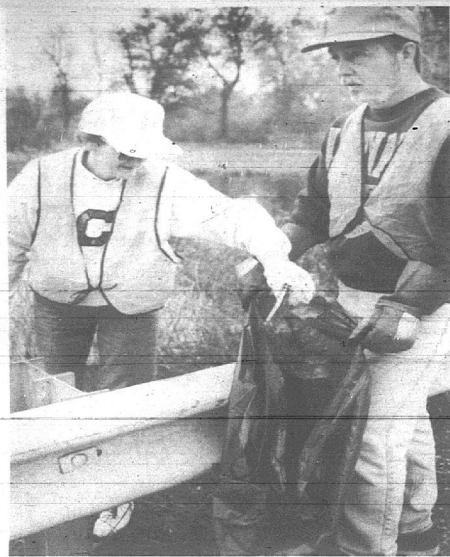


Kelvin Boyd

Xavier Cole, Blair School  
"Eat people."

Ryan Walker, Blair School  
"Fight dinosaurs."





(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)  
Dorothy and Bob Anderson collect trash along Illinois Route 203 near Interstate 270.



(Photo by DIANA KINDER)  
From left, Pat Ryan, Rob Ely and Brian Schooley work on getting an old water heater out of Long Lake during "Stash the trash" activities. All are members of Sea Explorer Ship 1126.

## •Trash

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out into an area strewn with debris, but would have more respect for an area that is kept clean.

Participants are treated to a picnic in the park after the cleanup and a breakfast booster before they get started. All of the items are donated, as are the prizes and tokens of appreciation and recognition.

Charlie's Restaurant coffee, Seibold Bakery doughnuts, Italy's hamburgers and buns,

National hot dogs, Shop 'N Save hot dogs and other food, Vess soda and the soda wagon and Hardee's cinnamon raisin biscuits are all furnished for the picnic and breakfast.

Laidlaw Waste Systems provides prizes for golf-classic high-way cleaning, the Park District allows use of the park, and a cash donation from the Granite City Board of Realtors helps offset the cost of the event, Bush said.

The Scouts who participate get patches courtesy of Chain of Rocks Recycling and Disposal

and Metro East Disposal.

Garbage bags are provided by Chain of Rocks and McDonald's, McDonald's and Shoney's offer coupons for the Scouts and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. provides soda.

"Please accept our thank you to everyone that took part in this endeavor, from those who entered the poster coloring contest to those who picked up trash and those who provided supplies, equipment and other resources that contributed to our pleasant success," Bush said.

## Foster parents getting store discounts

Major chain stores are offering foster parents discounts and other benefits in May in observance of National Foster Parent Appreciation, according to Department of Children and Family Service Director Sterling M. Ryder.

"For the fifth year, Credit Union 1, Eagle Food Centers, Walgreen's and J.C. Penney Company are offering foster families discounts on financial services, food, prescriptions, and other store items," Ryder said. "Also, for the third year, Sam's Club, a division of Wal-Mart, is providing foster parents a free 90-day membership to shop for discounts at any of the 23 Sam's Clubs serving Illinois."

"We are pleased these business firms have joined DCF in saluting the people who take care of our foster children," Ryder said. "Foster parents are dedicated and unselfish in taking care of these special children 365 days a year. During May, all of us in Illinois should show our appreciation."

"Last year many foster families took advantage of the thank you offerings. I hope this year that even more will participate." Gov. Jim Edgar has officially proclaimed the month of May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Illinois. There are approximately 12,000 foster homes in Illinois. They offer temporary care and shelter to children who have been declared abused, neglected or dependent by the courts.

## Five blood drives this month

During the month of May, five sponsors throughout the Granite City area will take the time to conduct a blood drive to give blood donors the opportunity to donate blood.

On Saturday, May 15, the American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive which will be sponsored by Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department. The drive will be held at the Long Lake Volunteer Fire House, 4115 Pontoon Road in Pontoon Beach. The drive will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

On Friday, May 21, a drive will be sponsored by the First Assembly of God Church, 24th and Grand Ave. in Granite City. The drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The next drive will be held on Monday, May 24, and will be sponsored by the Tri-City Chapter of the American Red Cross. The drive will be held in the Eagles FOE 129, 2558 Madison Ave. in Granite City. The drive will be held in the hall next to

the parking lot from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 25, a drive will be sponsored by A.O. Smith for the employees of the company. A.O. Smith is at 3101 Highway 3 in Granite City. The drive will be held in the cafeteria from 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The last blood drive in May will be held on Friday, May 28, and will be sponsored by the Charles Melvin Price Support Center, Niedringhaus Avenue and Highway 3. The drive will be held in the education center from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The American Red Cross and these sponsors urge all healthy adults who are seventeen years of age or older to make an honest effort to donate blood. Sixteen-year-olds may donate blood with a signed parent's permission slip, which can be obtained through the Red Cross Office at 3728 Nantuxki Road in Granite City. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds.

## Entrepreneurship seminar planned

The art of being a successful entrepreneur will be the topic of a four-week seminar entitled, "Catching the Entrepreneur Spirit," scheduled for four consecutive Wednesdays, beginning May 13.

The seminar, sponsored by Belleville Area College's Business Assistance Center, will be held in Room 3300 of BAC's Belleville Campus, from 7 to 10 p.m. each Wednesday.

The seminar's cost is \$20 per session or \$70 to attend all four sessions. To register, call the Business Assistance Center at 235-2700, ext. 513, or 1-800-BAC-5131, ext. 513.

Those attending the four-week seminar will learn all the tricks of the trade of starting a new business; assessing your own entrepreneurial skills, legal guidelines to follow in starting a business and business plans, promotional strategies, and financial planning.

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### NOTICE OF CLOSURE No. 698

A plan to close a Tarscorp Industries, Inc.'s ("Tarscorp") acidic washings storage tank located at 1200 16th Street, Granite City, Illinois, has been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) pursuant to Subpart C of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 725. Tarscorp Industries, Inc. is a manufacturer of lead containing and non-lead metal fastened products — slot, welders, lead-free solders, lead containing and non-lead metal industrial alloys, and lead abetting. The facility will remain open during and following the closure of its hazardous waste storage tank.

At this time the IEPA is also requesting that the facility provide information concerning any prior release of hazardous waste constituents from any solid waste management facility on the site.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, plans, or request modification of the plan or provide information on the release, at any time of hazardous waste constituents from the facility, within 30 days of the first publication date of this notice. Written comments must be addressed to the IEPA, Office of Community Relations, Attn: Michele Nicky-Tehague, 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

The site must be closed in accordance with the standards set forth in the Environmental Protection Act, Rev. Stat., Ch. 111½, Pars. 1001 et seq., and regulations adopted thereunder.

The proposed closure plan, closure performance requirements, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the IEPA's Springfield headquarters.

An appointment to inspect the proposed closure plan must be made in advance by contacting the Division of Land Pollution Control, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) coordinator at 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, 217/782-6780. Please refer to the closure number under the heading at the top of this advertisement when contacting the FOIA coordinator.

In response to requests or at the discretion of the IEPA, a public hearing may be held to clarify one or more issues concerning the closure plan. Public notice will be issued 30 days before any public hearing.

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CLOSURE NO. C-700 and 699

Plan to close a present drum storage area and a former drum storage area at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) rail yard in Dupe, Illinois, has been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) pursuant to Subpart C of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 725. The hazardous waste units consist of four trailers which sit on a concrete slab surrounded by an 8-inch concrete curb. The storage area contains or had contained drums containing liquids and solids contaminated with pentachlorophenol (PCP). The drums originated from a March 1990 spill and emergency cleanup at the UPRR Mitchell rail yard near Collinsville, Illinois. The facility will remain in operation during and following closure of the hazardous waste management units described in this notice.

At this time the IEPA is also requesting that the facility provide information concerning any prior release of hazardous waste constituents from any solid waste management facility on the site.

Within 30 days of the first publication date of this notice, interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed closure plan, request modification of the plan, or provide information on the release, at any time of hazardous waste constituents from the facility. Written comments must be addressed to IEPA, Government and Community Affairs, Attn: Pam Howard, 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, telephone number 217/782-6780.

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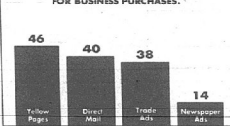
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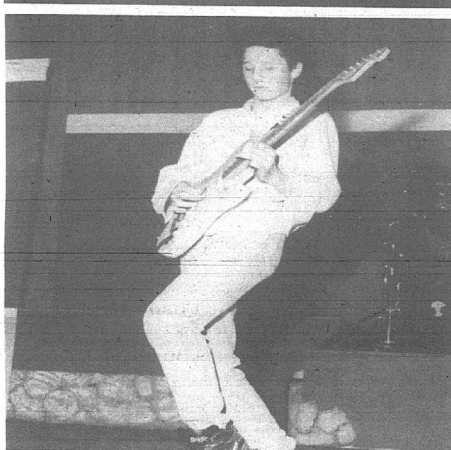
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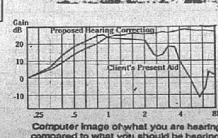
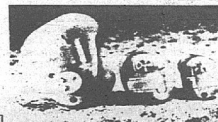
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## Obituaries

### Herbert Rasche

Herbert L. Rasche, 53, of Worden died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 1993, at Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis County. He was born Sept. 16, 1939, in Gray Ridge, Mo.

He was retired from the parts department at General Motors in Hazelwood, Mo. A veteran of the U.S. Army Paratroopers, life was a member of the Church of God in Bethalto.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth (Jones) Rasche of Worden, whom he married in Granite City on June 16, 1967; five sons, Herbert Lee Rasche Jr. of New Albany, Miss., Mark Rasche of Aurora and Robert, Brian and Derrick Rasche, all of Worden; one daughter, Dana Eckhardt of Worden; one stepson, David Roberson of Worden; two stepdaughters, Tina Roberson of Worden and Monella Roberts of Aurora; one sister, Annie Rasche of Gray Ridge; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lee Rasche and

Laura Cozette (Duncan) Rasche. Visitation is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Weber Funeral Home, 304 N. Main St., Edwardsville. Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at Church of God in Bethalto. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the Church of God or the American Cancer Society.

### Alex Kaiser

Alex P. Kaiser, 76, formerly of Mulberry Grove, died Tuesday, May 11, 1993, at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis County, after an illness.

Born Nov. 14, 1916, in Madison, he was a former Madison resident and in more recent years had lived in Fairmont City.

He was of the Catholic faith. There will be no services. At his request, his remains were cremated.

Arrangements were handled by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.



Paul Besserman Jr.

Paul A. Besserman Jr., 78, of Mount Olive, formerly of Madison, died at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. He was born July 28, 1914, in Madison and lived in Madison for 70 years.

He retired in 1978 after 20 years with the Madison City Street Department, where he was assistant superintendent of streets. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison, the Madison Volunteer Fire Department and Madison County Firemen's Association.

Survivors include three sons, Edward S. Besserman, Elwood J. Besserman and Paul A. Besserman III, all of Granite City; one daughter, Teresa Ann Barr of Livingston, Texas; two brothers, John Besserman of Madison and Andrew Besserman of Granite City; one sister, Leona Voloski of Venice; friends, Linda and Joseph Davis of Mount Olive; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nina (McKinney) Besserman, whom he married in 1936 in Madison; one daughter, Mary Besserman; his parents, Paul and Dorothy (Adams) Besserman; and two brothers, Joseph and Michael Besserman.

Visitation is 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Broadway Ave., Granite City. Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th Street and Alton Avenue.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials are requested for St. Elizabeth Medical Center's WINGS campaign, Masses, or the Diabetes Foundation.

### Trivia

In 1992, the difference between American and Japanese hourly labor rates for a graduate of manufacturing workers was a penny. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the United States rate was \$16.17 per hour and the rate in Japan was \$16.16. The rate is based on minimum wage, insurance and benefits.

The Rev. Bill Fisherkeller, burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

PUNCHER, Mary Jane (Coleman), 84, of Edwardsville died at 3:10 a.m. Monday, May 10, 1993, at Edwardsville Care Center East. Services were held Wednesday at Mater Funeral Home, Edwardsville, by the Rev. John Savoyes. Burial was at St. Boniface Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials to St. Boniface Church, Edwardsville, or the Diabetes Association.

SUHR, Wilma Alice (Highfield), 80, of Pontoon Beach died at 11:05 a.m. Friday, May 7, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. Services were held Monday at Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville. Memorials to Hospice of Southern Illinois or Madison County Humane Society.

LOOMIS, Barney B., 72, of Troy died at 3:35 a.m., Saturday, May 8, 1993, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. Services were held Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Cahokia, by the Rev. Dean Probst. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements were by Laughlin Funeral Home in Troy. Memorials to American Lung Association.

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## Prayer

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ble action would be to provide a time for prayer before ceremonies officially begin.

"But whatever is done, it needs to be done through the kids. I can't take it to them," Chappell said.

Mayor John Bellico, who served as president of the Madison School Board for 15 years, was distressed upon hearing of the decision of the Granite City Board of Education.

## Council

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Hall and installation of sanitary sewers for residents in the area of Meridian, Staunton and Gillespie streets.

A \$125,000 grant would allow the city to install an elevator to allow access to the second-floor chambers where the City Council meets, helping to bring the city into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This project would be the second phase of a \$50,000 Community Development grant this year to remove architectural barriers and remodel the restrooms on the lower level of City Hall.

A \$175,000 grant for public works would be used for the sanitary sewer project.

City Engineer John Hale, at a public hearing Friday, said all of the communities in Madison County will be competing for a total of \$1.5 million in Community Development grants, and that the sanitary sewer project should rate highly on the Community Development point system.

The aldermen also voted unanimously to authorize the Madison County Board of Health to apply for \$15,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and

## Suit

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damages from each of the officers and the city as well as \$100,000 apiece from the officers in punitive damages.

According to police reports dated Jan. 10, 1991, filed in the clerk's office, Takmajian saw Sutt drinking alcohol from a clear bottle while driving a red Cadillac at Madison Avenue and 23rd Street.

As Sutt passed the patrol car, he allegedly made an obscene gesture with his left hand and continued driving to 25th Street.

## Bridick

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assistant building inspector; Jeanne Weidner, comptroller; Charlie Bridick, emergency services director; Carol Robertson, data entry clerk.

Also, Grover Brannan, health and humane officer; Louise Kern, head librarian; George Smith, assistant recreation director; Jim Kest, assistant director; Edmund Warchol, police commissioner; Al Mossa and Porter Cawly, police pension board members; and Jim Kest, police and Boris Mangoff, zoning board members.

Beck also appointed the fire department officers and men and the auxiliary police officers and men.

Appointed in the fire department were Robbie Robbins, chief; Robert Bosworth, captain; Don Whitecourt, lieutenant;

"I am proud to say that when I was associated with the school board, we opened and closed every commencement with a prayer," Bellico said.

He said that allowing prayer at graduation, "didn't hurt anybody."

"You know, they say we're worried about our youth today, with gangs and drugs and crime, and they wonder why," Bellico said.

The Granite City School Board voted 6-0 not to sanction prayer. Board member Monroe Worthen

was absent from the meeting.

Madison School Superintendent Dan Kostenick said that he has done considerable research on the matter, but he has not yet discussed the matter with the Madison School Board.

"It would be a great disservice to discuss the matter on the front page of the newspaper before first discussing it with my board," Kostenick said.

Projects submitted for inclusion in the stimulus package were the installation of sanitary sewers in the area of Meridian, Staunton, Gillespie and Harris streets, repair of Collinsville Avenue and city-wide curbside design. Among the city into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The aldermen voted unanimously to concur with the recommendation of Building Inspector Mike Foley that the house at 700 E. St. be condemned and listed for immediate demolition.

The aldermen approved a request from St. Mary's Catholic Church for permission to block some streets if necessary for its 63rd annual picnic planned for June 18, 19 and 20.

Health and Humane officer Grover Brannan reported he had answered 70 calls during the past two weeks and had made one court appearance. Brannan said his department had collected more than \$1,000 in fees so far this year.

After Takmajian stopped the car, Sutt allegedly charged him, attempting to hit Takmajian on the face. Takmajian struck Sutt's forearm with the end of his flashlight, the report said.

As the officer attempted to put Sutt under arrest, Sutt is alleged to have charged again, swinging his arms, hitting the officer in the face.

Takmajian again hit Sutt with the flashlight on the arms and thighs, it is alleged. Sutt said: "You let me again and I'll kill you," the report said.

Another man, David A. Canton, emerged from the passenger seat, but soon returned to the car, the report said.

Werth and three other police officers arrived on the scene and the four officers forced Sutt to the ground.

While the suspect was forced to the ground, he hit the side of his head on the ice-covered sidewalks," the report said.

"The suspect continued to resist reporting officer and officers while jerking his head back and forth sharply in an attempt to head butt (hit officers in the head with his head) officers."

Police found an open 12-ounce bottle of Corona and two 12-ounce bottles of Budweiser in the car, the report said.

ing Committee are Horton, chairman; Gryzwacz and George. On the Streets and Sanitation Committee are Gryzwacz, chairman; Miller and Newsome.

On the Police and Fire Committee are Horton, chairman; George and Newsome.

On the Health Committee are Gryzwacz, chairman; Miller and Hamm.

On the Buildings, Land and Zoning Committee are George, chairman; Miller and Vrabec.

On the Recreation Committee are Gryzwacz, chairman; Miller and Hamm.

On the Personnel Committee are Norton, chairman; Newsome and Gryzwacz.

On the Library Committee are Vrabec, chairman; George and Miller.

## Watson pushes 'super prison' plan

State Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenview, says the rising crime rate in the 55th District and corresponding increases in the number of convictions and prison sentences are indicators that Illinois needs a supermaximum-security prison.

"Increased crime is not limited to our region - it's statewide," Watson said. "It is obvious to me that even with new boot camps and expanded use of electronic detention, Illinois will either have to build another prison or begin releasing prisoners before they have served out their sentences."

"I support the proposal of the Governor's Task Force on Prison

on Crowding for construction of a supermaximum-security prison, and naturally I would like to see it built in this area, where jobs are badly needed," he said.

Watson noted that the Senate has included \$60 million for the prison in the Department of Corrections appropriation sent to

the House.

Watson said he was dismayed by crime figures he received from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the counties he represents totally or in part - Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Madison, Marion and St. Clair.

## Respiratory therapists top national average

Bellefonte Area College's Respiratory Therapy Program, one of the nation's top programs, had a 100 percent pass rate this year at the National Board Exam.

"We had 18 students who graduated," said Debbie Rapien, director of Clinical Education. "They sat for the National Board Exam for Respiratory Care in November 1992. No one had under an 83 percent." The National Board for Respiratory Care reported 76 percent sitting for the certification exam passed it on the first attempt.

Will Mueller, director of BAC's Respiratory Therapy Program, said, "We are pleased by the fact that all of the 1992 graduating students took the NBRC Exam on its first administration available to them. We were especially proud of their 100 percent pass rate. It is the highest compliment that we can be paid."

He said it is unusual that all graduating students take the NBRC Exam immediately after graduation because some may still have to complete one or more courses.

"If our graduates exceed the national average, it passes which they have consistently done," said Mueller, "it tells me that the level of instruction we receive exceeds the national average."

The exam is administered three times a year. The test covers areas such as life support, lifesaving techniques, chemistry

and physics as well as the technical aspects of their respiratory training. It also covers breathing treatments, anatomy, and physiology.

"This test is for graduates of one-year training programs such as our BAC Respiratory Therapy Technology Program," Rapien said. "Students must pass the NBRC exam to be certified as respiratory technicians."

The next BAC respiratory class will run from the end of August through the end of July. Applications for admission will be accepted at the Admissions Office of BAC's Granite City Campus, Red Bud Campus and Belleville Campus.

"It's a very intensive year," Rapien said. "We cram a lot of education and training in one year. Medical Terminology 100, basic anatomy, physiology, this includes the requirement courses, books, lab fees, everything."

In the fall, classes meet two times a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 9 a.m. and noon. In the spring and summer, classes meet full-time, five days a week, through July.

Minimum requirements for the next year include passing a grade of "C" or better in high school biology and algebra. The college requires students be English as Intermediate Algebra 10, Biology 105, General Chemistry 101, Medical Terminology 100. These make up 16 required credit hours.

The BAC respiratory courses yield 26 credit hours.

## Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday, May 9, Wednesday newspapers include:

BEELER, Emmett L., 86, of Granite City died 6:10 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Saturday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church (Granite City) Organ Fund.

DAVIES, Lorayne (Devine), 83, of Houston, Texas, formerly of Venice and Granite City, died Saturday, May 8, 1993. Funeral arrangements were made in Texas.

DONJOIAN, Toros, 95, of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died at 1:48 a.m. Monday, May 10, 1993, at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis. Graveside services were held Wednesday by the Rev. Kasparian at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church, 400 Huntwood Road, Belleville.

GAUEN, Kenneth Richard, 82, of Granite City died Friday, May 7, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Fred Boatright. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to St. Elizabeth Medical Center's WINGS program or the American Diabetes Association.

GITCHOFF, Athena G. (Gounaris), 86, of Granite City died at 2:08 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 1993, at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Visitation was Sunday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City. Services were held Monday at Holy

Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, Madison, by the Rev. Peter Stamboldjiev. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the church or the Visiting Nurses Association.

HERMES, Carrie M. (Hanold), 88, of Granite City died at 11:03 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 1993, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were held Monday at Targhetta Funeral Home, Brighton, by Rev. Robert Miner. Burial was at Brighton Cemetery.

KROME, Frederick W. Jr., 62, of Edwardsville died at 7 a.m. Friday, May 7, 1993, at home. Services were held Monday at Weber Funeral Home, Edwardsville, by the Rev. Roger Zollars. Burial was at Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville. Memorials to Hospice of Southern Illinois or Madison County Humane Society.

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## Padgett-DeRuntz

Laura Ann Padgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Padgett of West Plains, Mo., and Bruce DeRuntz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene DeRuntz of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Padgett, of West Plains, is a 1987 graduate of West Plains High School and graduated from Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, where she received a bachelor of science degree in communication disorders and a master of arts degree in speech-language pathology. She is employed as a speech pathologist at Ozarks Medical Center in West Plains.

DeRuntz, of West Plains, is a 1982 graduate of Granite City High School North. He received a bachelor of science degree in



Laura Padgett and Bruce DeRuntz

industrial engineering from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston and is employed as quality assurance staff engineer at Southwest Mobile Systems in West Plains.

An October 1993 wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cuccatti

## Cuccatti-Pettenill

Christine Pettenill, daughter of Sharon Woods of Cape Coral, Fla., and of Brian Pettenill of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Phil Cuccatti, son of Carl and Carol Cuccatti of Port Charlotte, Fla., formerly of Granite City, were married March 20, 1993, in Port Charlotte.

The bride is employed as a data entry clerk at Englewood Community Hospital and a cashier at Winn-Dixie, both located in Port Charlotte.

The groom is an office manager for Complete Protection Alarms of Port Charlotte.



Shari Robertson and Robert Mathenia

## Robertson - Mathenia

Shari Robertson, daughter of Roy and Sharril Robertson of Collinsville, and Robert Mathenia, son of Robert and Anna Mathenia of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Robertson, of Collinsville, is a graduate of Collinsville High School. She is employed by St. Elizabeth Medical Center as a secretary.

Mathenia is a graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Watson's Directory in St. Louis as a printer.

The couple is planning an Aug. 21, 1993, wedding at First Baptist Church in Fairview Heights.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
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Recently a case was decided on appeal in Illinois involving injuries sustained by a driver in an automobile accident. The amount of money recovered by a plaintiff in a case such as this may be related to the actions taken by the injured party following the accident.

In this case, the plaintiff was returning to her home from a shopping trip. She noticed that the traffic ahead of her was stopped, so she also pulled to a stop, and a few moments later she was rear-ended by another vehicle. Normally with a rear-end collision resulting in injuries, the plaintiff would be entitled to recover damages. However, the injured plaintiff arguably made several mistakes following the accident.

After the collision, the plaintiff left her car and came over to the defendant to inquire if she was injured. At the time, the plaintiff told the driver who rear-ended her vehicle that she was not hurt. She made a similar statement to the police officer at the scene, and he put the information in his report. The plaintiff's neck and back began to hurt the day after the accident. In a case such as this, a party should

never make a statement regarding injuries at the accident scene, since physical problems may not arise until later.

Further, the injured plaintiff did not seek medical treatment until one week after the accident, even though she was hurt. In many cases, an insurance company attorney will try to argue to a jury that the plaintiff must not have been seriously hurt in light of the delay in treatment. That is what happened in this case, and it ultimately hurt the plaintiff's case.

The injured plaintiff went to an internist, a chiropractor, and an acupuncturist, in an effort to relieve the effects of her injury. However, she discontinued treatments to visit her son in Arizona. She later resumed treatments when she returned to Illinois. But the several week gap in treatment allowed the defendant's attorney to argue that if the plaintiff was truly injured, she would not leave Illinois and interrupt her treatment.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the jury found in the defendant's favor. This case was affirmed on appeal, and thus an injured driver received nothing in this case.

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## WCTU meeting planned for May 24

The April meeting of the Granite City Union of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held April 26 in the Fellowship Hall of the Free Methodist Church in Pontoon Beach.

The business meeting was conducted by the vice president, Helen Testerman. Devotions were given by Vernon Brown.

The lesson was given by Charles Finley on the subject of prayer. After making a few statements concerning prayer, Finley showed a video of a sermon given on prayer by Sammy Tippit, a professor at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Refreshments were served by Ann Thomas.

The May meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 24, at the Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church, 2336 Dewey Avenue.

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# Sports

Section B

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## Schedule

**Thursday, May 13**  
TRACK: Granite City boys at Southwest  
Girls Soccer: Granite City at Hazel-  
wood East 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL: East St. Louis at Granite  
City 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, May 14**  
TRACK: Granite City girls at Waterloo  
Class A Sectional, 3 p.m.; Granite City girls at  
Tenniss: Class AA sectional, 3 p.m.  
BASEBALL: Granite City at Southwestern  
Conference meet, Alto, 4 p.m.  
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is, 4:15 p.m.

**Saturday, May 15**  
BASEBALL: Granite City at O'Fallon  
DU: 10 a.m.  
GIRLS SOCCER: Alto at Granite City, 1  
TENNIS: Granite City at Southwestern  
Conference meet, Alto, 4 p.m.

**Sunday, May 16**  
MON-CLARK BASEBALL: Festus at Gran-  
ite City (DU), 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 17**  
SOFTBALL: Granite City at DuQuoin Clas-  
sic, 3 p.m.  
BASEBALL: Belleville West at Granite  
City, 4:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 18**  
TENNIS: Alto at Granite City, 4 p.m.  
BASEBALL: Collinsville at Granite City, 4  
4:15 p.m.  
BASEBALL: Granite City at Collinsville,  
4:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 19**  
SOFTBALL: Granite City at Triad, 4 p.m.  
TENNIS: Kansas at Granite City, 4 p.m.  
BASEBALL: Granite City at Jasperville,  
4:15 p.m.  
GIRLS SOCCER: O'Fallon at Granite  
City, 4:30 p.m.

## Trojans aiming for repeat at Red Bud

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

Injuries and academic ineligibilities have left the Madison boys track team short-handed on several occasions this year, a situation that concerns coach Charles Steptoe as the regular season nears completion.

Yet Steptoe says the Trojans are still a threat to defend their Red Bud Class A Sectional title next week.

THE OTHER teams in the 18-team field are Althoff, Carlinville, Carrollton, Columbia, Coulterville, Dupu, Metro East, Lutheran, Freeburg, Gillespie, Greenfield, Lebanon, Piasa, Southwestern, Red Bud, Roxana, Staunton, Wesclin and Waterloo. The sectional is scheduled for May 21.

"We've had a lot of things hold us back this season," Steptoe said. "We're trying to get things straightened out so we can get back on track."

"Hopefully, we have a good shot at trying to regain our title. If we can get everyone together, we've got a chance."

Last year, the Trojans edged out perennial power Freeburg for the sectional title despite

having just 13 athletes at the meet. A similar pattern has formed this year.

THE TROJANS competed with fewer than 10 athletes in their past two meets but were still able to turn in several strong performances. The Trojans placed ninth as a team at the O'Fallon Relays last week.

Madison produced 15 points at the meet, which was won by O'Fallon with 105 points. The Panthers were followed by Salem (103 pts.), Highland (56), Jerseyville (55), Mascoutah (53.5), Triad (37.5), Freeburg (35), Roxana (25) and Madison.

"It was a real good meet," Steptoe said. "Our problem was we got hit by ineligibilities."

The Trojans had three third-place finishes. High jumper, Jason Jones cleared 5-10 for third place, and the 400 relay team of Tavares Young, William Russell, Eugene Williams and Jones finished 45.2 seconds.

O'Fallon won the race with a time of 44.3, followed by Salem (44.9).

"WE THOUGHT that was a pretty good race," Steptoe said. "We're going to be looking at Young, Russell, Edmund Butler

and Jason Jones also took third place with a time of 1:35.2.

On Saturday, the Trojans competed at Columbia against Metro East Lutheran and the host Eagles. With just four athletes, Madison scored 20 points.

Williams and Young placed second and third, respectively, in the 100-meter dash, and Young finished second in both the triple jump and 400 open.

Ted McCline finished second in the 800 open.

WILLIAMS ALSO placed second in the 200 and fourth in the long jump.

"Williams and Young have both been real strong leaders for us," Steptoe said.

On the same day, Madison's freshmen and sophomores competed in the Dupu Invitational. Harvell McDonald cleared 5-10 in the high jump for second place and also took fifth in the 300 hurdles, while Cedric Richmond took fifth in the 200.

The Trojans have one meet left before the sectional meet next Friday. They will compete in the DuQuoin Classic on Monday.

"We'll be out to do our best," Steptoe said. "Hopefully, the guys will get it all together."



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK)

Madison's Robert Weathers heads for the finish line.

## Challenge awaits Trojanette team at sectional meet

### Class A state berths at stake in 18-team field at Waterloo

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

It has been a season full of rainy weather and postponements, but Madison High girls track coach Gene Briggs sees no remaining obstacles ahead as his team prepares for Friday's Waterloo Class A Sectional.

"I think we've done a good job this year," Briggs said. "We've had some respectable performances. We've got a group that is willing to work."

"We've had a good season, and we hope to cap it off Friday. We have the confidence that our best will be good enough."

Briggs expects a finish among the top five for the Trojanettes, whose toughest competition will come from Roxana, Carlinville and Freeburg. Roxana is in its first year of Class A competition.

The rest of the 18-team field consists of Althoff, Columbia, Dupu, Metro East Lutheran, Gillespie, Greenfield, Lebanon, Piasa, Northwestern, Piasa, Southwestern, Staunton, Wesclin,



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Valmeyer, Waterloo and White Hall North Greene.

"We do have some very tough competition to deal with," Briggs said. "I think Roxana will be right up there. Freeburg doesn't have a lot of talent, but they have depth. Carlinville is consistently strong."

"But winning the sectional is a secondary item. Qualifying people for the state finals is our top priority. I think we'll be in the top four."

The Trojanettes have several athletes who qualified for state competition last year, when the team advanced to Charleston in

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(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK)

Lady Warrior defender Michelle Knox chases down Collinsville's Andrea Froncheck in Monday's 2-1 win. Knox scored Granite City's first goal against the Lady Kahoks, who scored their only goal on a penalty kick.

## Collinsville win puts kickers back on track

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

After a brief mid-season slump, the Lady Warriors have returned to the form coach Gene Baker saw earlier this season.

The next step is returning to full health.

The Lady Warriors, who were rained out against Alto on Wednesday, will play at Hazelwood East at 4 p.m. today.

weather permitting, Granite City is coming off Monday's 2-1 win over Collinsville. It was the Lady Warriors' second win over their rivals this season.

Several key players missed the game. Baker said Holly Farnsworth played injured, and Kandi Kessel suffered a bruised thigh.

"We were pretty pleased, considering all the injuries," Baker said. "We felt we put a lot of passes together."

The Lady Warriors' defense, led by goalkeeper Stephanie Kull, shut down the Lady Kahoks. Collinsville scored its only goal on a penalty kick. The Lady Kahoks scored in the same fashion in Granite City's 3-1 win April 6.

"I thought (goalkeeper) Stephanie Kull was outstanding," Baker said.

The Lady Warriors improved to 9-3-1 and are undefeated in their last four games after breaking a three-game skid.

"We had one bad week as far as results go," Baker said. "I think we got ourselves back on track."

## Body builders featured in NPC show

### McGuire brings regional meet to Granite City

By R.J. Gerber  
Staff writer

With aspirations of playing host to a national body building event in the near future, Dan McGuire co-sponsored a regional contest this past weekend at Granite City High School.

McGuire, owner of Hard Body's Gym, and Mike West, a former Mr. Florida, co-sponsored the Midwest Novice Body Building Classic last Saturday.

McGuire said the event drew close to 50 participants, including body builders from Iowa, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas.

"We had a good turnout for our first National Physique Committee Show," said McGuire, a former Mr. Missouri.

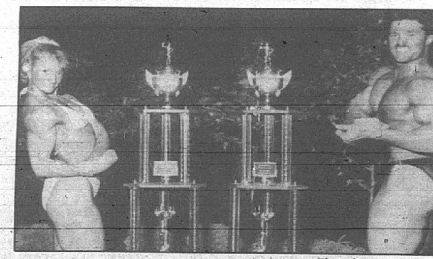
"Within the next three years, we hope to bring a Mr. USA event to town."

Several local contestants fared well at the event, including Edwardsville's Greg Steiner, who captured the men's overall title. Rhonda Butler was second in the women's masters class (over 35).

And Dan Fischer was third in the men's masters. Granite City's Paul Bilberry took first in the men's middleweight class.

Chris Aleman, also from Granite City, was second in the teen-age class, and Angel Leichenring was second in the women's middleweight class.

Steve Carich was also honored with a lifetime achievement award during the event. McGuire said Carich, a former



(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Paula Larson and Greg Steiner, the overall women's and men's winners at last Saturday's Midwest Novice Classic, pose next to their trophies. The meet attracted nearly 50 contestants at Granite City High School.

Granite City police officer, was Strength and Health magazine's man of the month in 1988.

"We're just trying to promote body building in the area," McGuire said. "We want to promote health and fitness in the area and give teen-agers something to do besides drugs and alcohol. We're already looking forward to next year's show."

In the women's lightweight class, Eva Landa of Skokie took first place. Paula Larson of Peoria took first in the women's heavyweight class, followed by Mary Faulkner of Goreville and Jennifer Wilson of Maryland Heights. Mo. Larson was also the women's overall winner.

Edward Smith of Florissant, Mo., was first in the men's lightweight class. Monmouth's

Greg Goodman was second, and Tim Driscoll of Lyons was third. Kyle Van Osdel of Indianapolis was second in the men's middleweight class, and Gary Ullinger of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was second in the light heavyweight class. Collinsville's Greg Zillen was first in the men's heavyweight class.

In the teen-age class, Josh Whitney of Indianapolis was first and Murphysboro's Bobby Milton was third. Monmouth's Greg Goodman was first in men's masters and Steve Stansch of Ferguson, Mo., was second.

McGuire said the event was a success because of the work provided by several assistants, including Don and Karen Bridick.

## Inexperience slowing down Lady Warrior softball team

By Scott Wuerz  
Correspondent

While bad weather has rained on the Granite City High School softball team throughout the 1993 season, coach John Hutchings says he is hopeful conditions will improve and allow the Lady Warriors to shine in postseason play.

Granite City has struggled to a 2-9 record, due for the most part to the inability of its young players to log playing time or even practice under ideal conditions.

"I think so far, we've only been able to practice on a dirt infield one time," Hutchings said. "That becomes a problem when you have players as young and inexperienced as we do, and we've just been unable to

become consistent defensively."

The Lady Warriors still have eight or nine games to get in before the regional tournament begins May 25.

Hutchings said the Lady Warriors' young team has been led by third baseman Erin Davis. Davis and her teammates are trying to turn around what has become a disappointing season.

"Erin has really come a long way for us defensively," Hutchings said. "She hasn't had a chance to do much with the bat, largely because of a lack of plate appearances, but she has come a long way in the field and is an inspiration to some of the other girls who have struggled."

Hutchings said right fielder Joanna Groboski and center fielder Shelia Heil have also

made great strides this season.

"They've surprised me in the outfield and made some great catches on my confidence, didn't think they'd get to," Hutchings said.

"They played especially well against Belleville West, which is one of the better teams in the Southwestern Conference, and helped us stay in the game until the very end."

The Lady Warriors hope, if the 1993 season is lost, to improve in the future with players from the junior-varsity level. The JV team consists mostly of freshmen. Hutchings said. But it has an advantage over freshman teams from past years.

"The Granite City Parks League and Collinsville League have given girls as young as

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## Lady Warrior center signs with Lindenwood

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

Granite City girls basketball coach Allen Lobdell often said that senior center Dana Dersch made the most of her final year with the Lady Warriors.

Stephen Crotz, the coach at Lindenwood College, hopes that Dersch takes a similar attitude next fall. Dersch signed to attend the St. Charles, Mo., NAIA Division I school last week.

"She's going to be a nice addition," Crotz said. "She made great strides as a senior. I think from her junior to senior year, she probably improved 10 percent."

"That's what attracted us. We're obviously excited about

that, and I think in the next two years she can continue to improve."

Dersch helped lead the Lady Warriors to their first regional title in five years. The 6-foot center averaged 10.5 points and formed a powerful scoring nucleus with Jamie Cavanaugh and Stephanie Kull.

Dersch said one of the keys to her improved play was the decision to compete on a different court last fall — the tennis court.

"A lot of it had to do with my

attitude on the court," Dersch said. "I had never played an individual sport before, and tennis built up my confidence and leadership ability. I knew it would be my last year, and I wanted to play to the best of my ability."

The Lady Warriors finished 17-9 after losing in sectional play.

Dersch will be going from one winning team to another. Crotz has directed Lindenwood College to a 60-31 record over the past three years.

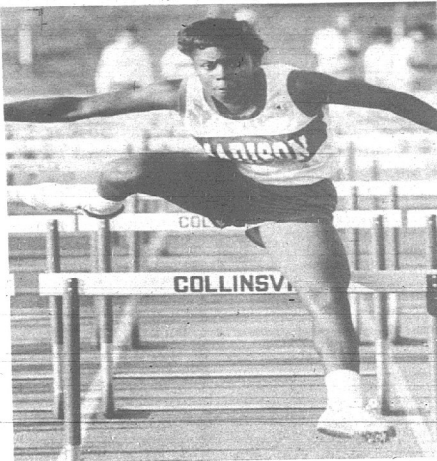
Lindenwood won the Show-Me Collegiate Conference with an undefeated record the past two years. The conference includes Park College, McKendree, Harris-Stowe, Missouri Baptist, Iowa Wesleyan and Wil-

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"She has all the attributes I look for in a student-athlete," Crotz said. "I really think she matured this year. She came from a good program, and she's a motivated student. She's very focused."



Joi Woodfork placed second in the 300-meter hurdles Tuesday at Collinsville.

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"Any time the weather does not allow you significant time to practice, it's going to be a factor," Briggs said. "But everybody is dealing with the same circumstances. It's a negative

us," Briggs said. "We competed against three Class AA schools and did well."



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## FAMILY



Bryan Kromray with two of his wood duck boxes.

## Wood duck boxes are Scout project

Bryan Kromray, a member of Troop 96, sponsored by Granite City Steel and Community Federal Credit Union, has completed his service project towards his Eagle Scout award.

Bryan's project was to build six wood duck boxes to be erected at the Horseshoe Lake Game Preserve. The wood duck boxes are a perfect place for mating and nesting. The duck houses will provide habitat for the young to grow.

In organizing his project, Bryan was assisted by members and adult leaders of Troop 96. Under his direction, for completion of his Eagle Scout award various materials and donations were collected. The six wood duck boxes were built, weather treated and delivered to Lynn Wright, game warden at Horseshoe Lake Game Preserve, last June by David Rosaler and Bryan Kromray.

## Women's club inducts new members

The monthly meeting of the Nameoki Women's Club was at the Harold Brown Center on April 21.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, followed by a dessert served by the hostesses, Lu Tabor, June Cuchna, and Mildred Jungels.

Two new members were inducted into the club: June Cuchna and Virginia Little. Students from the local high school will soon be selected for the music and art summer scholarships.

Arrangements have been made at Charlie's restaurant for the May meeting on May 19. Helen Kuenster will give a book review.

## Briefly

## Chosen as Miss Springtime

Little Miss Springtime 1993, Stefanie Elizabeth Cardin, 22 months old, was crowned for her age group at the Troy Senior Citizens Hall.

She is the daughter of Ed and Tina Cardin of Granite City and the granddaughter of Bob and Mary Cardin of Dixon, Mo.



Cardin

## Wilkinson wins pageant

Alecia Wilkinson, 5, daughter of Teresa Wilkinson, competed in the state pageant for Cover Miss, held in St. Louis April 17.

Alecia was in the 4-6 age division and won the title of Cover Miss for the Tiny Miss age division. She also won best sportswear and best fashion. She won three nights in Orlando, Fla., to compete in the national.



Wilkinson

## Crowned supreme queen

Brittini Nicole Nash of Granite City has been crowned supreme queen of this year's Little Miss Springtime Pageant. The pageant was held April 4 at the Troy Park Senior Citizens Center in Troy and was directed by Tricia Newton.

Brittini won by receiving the most points overall and competing against 59 contestants from all age groups. She was given a crown, a 26-inch trophy, a banner, a medallion and gifts.

She also received a medallion for high point queen, a trophy for most adorable (perfect score of 150), a trophy for first runnerup in the photographic competition, and a trophy for first runnerup in the 24-35-month queen judging.

She is the daughter of Chris and Nikki Nash of Granite City and granddaughter of Warren Nash of Houston, Texas, and Gene and Phyllis Smith and Sherry Nash, all of Granite City.



Nash



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## Trio Club sees crafts display

The Trio Club of Madison County Association for Family and Community Education held craft day on May 4 at Hope Lutheran Church with 25 members in attendance.

Mary Sikes, craft leader, demonstrated and created a miniature cross to be used as a bookmark or a religious remembrance. Each member present received a colorful ribbon cross.

Crafts were displayed, such as jelly bean tennis shoes, handkerchief bunnies, rabbit wreaths, ornaments, and paper baskets.

Hostesses were Dorothy Luckert and Lucille Sackett.

Helen Roessner was awarded the attendance prize.

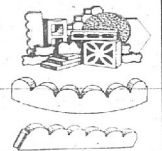
The next regular meeting will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, June 1. Local leaders will be Helen Todoroff and Dorothy Kinney, who will give a presentation on "The Garbage Dilemma".



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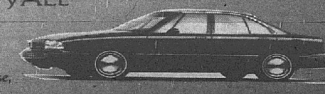
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